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NEW SPECTRUM POLICY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new Spectrum Policy is likely to be introduced shortly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced;

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring a project regarding Wireless Internet Network in the country especially in the district of Pune;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the time by which it is likely to be commissioned; and

(g) the benefits likely to accrue as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) Formulation of a comprehensive 'Spectrum Policy' taking into account all relevant factors, including the TRAI's Recommendations is under consideration.

(d) to (g) Yes, Sir. BSNL has started a project regarding Wireless Internet Access in the country including district of Pune. Wireless Internet Access is being deployed through technologies like WiFi (for short range) and WiMax (for long range). In Pune, 18 WiFi Hotspots have been set up at places like Hotels, Malls and educational institutes. WiMax is being deployed through a pilot project covering ten cities including Pune, during the current year.